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How many children does Boris Johnson have? From Lara Lettice to Wilfred Johnson - these are the PM's kids

The PM has dodged questions about the number of children he has fathered.

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The PM has one child with Carrie Symonds.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson and fiance Carrie Symonds recently married in a small private ceremony around a year after the birth of their child, Wilfred.

Wilfred, born in 2020, is the first child of Carrie, but Boris Johnson has several other children.

How many children does the Prime Minister have?

It's not entirely clear how many children Johnson has fathered, with the PM frequently dodging questions around this subject.

It's believed that he has seven children in total, though this number is not officially confirmed.

Wilfred is Johnson's youngest child, while the PM also has four children with his second wife Marina Wheeler, whom he separated from in 2018.

These children are Lara Lettice, 27, Milo Arthur, 25, Cassia Peaches, 23, and Theodore Apollo, 21.

It's also known that Johnson has a fifth child, Stephanie Macintyre, who was fathered as a result of an affair with art consultant Helen Macintyre.

It's rumoured, however, that another child was fathered as a result of the PM's affair with Macintyre.

In a court ruling made in 2013, the Appeal Court ruled that the public had a right to know whether the PM – London Mayor at the time – had fathered a child as a result of the adulterous affair in 2009.

"The core information in this story,

namely that the father had an adulterous affair with the mother, deceiving both his wife and the mother's partner and that the claimant, born about nine months later, was likely to be the father's child, was a public interest matter which the electorate was entitled to know when considering his fitness for high public office," the court said.

It was during these court proceedings that the paternity of a second child was alleged.

The three appeal court judges said: "It was not material to the judge's conclusion whether contraceptive precautions were taken.

"What was material was that the father's infidelities resulted in the conception of children on two occasions."

Has the Prime Minister commented on his children?

The PM has repeatedly dodged the question of how many children he has - a query which came up frequently during his 2019 election campaign.

During an interview with LBC, for instance, presenter Nick Ferrari asked the prime minister how many children he had and if he was "fully involved" in their lives.

The prime minister said in response: "I love my children very much but they are not standing at this election.

"I'm not therefore going to comment on them."

He further added: "I am not going to put them onto the pitch in their election campaign when I think what people want to hear is what my plans are for the country, what this government is determined to do and how we are going to take this country forward.

"That is the way all parties should be judged."

When did the Prime Minister get married?

Johnson and Symonds were married on Saturday, May 29 in a small ceremony at Westminster Cathedral.

A Number 10 spokesperson said:

"The couple will celebrate their wedding with family and friends next summer".

The couple were first engaged in 2019, welcoming Wilfred Lawrie Nicholas Johnson in April 2020.

Boris Johnson

Prime Minister Carrie Symonds

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